

## **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CHILD FATALITY SUMMARY**

**July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003**

(Source: Virginia Department of Social Services, 10/30/03)

**31 Children Died as a result of Child Abuse and Neglect.**

**1 Child was involved in a prior founded CPS Report.**

### **Localities with Founded CPS Fatalities**

Amherst	1
Chesapeake	3
Chesterfield	1
Dinwiddie	1
Fairfax	1
Gloucester	1
Hampton	1
Henrico	2
Louisa	1
Newport News	3
Norfolk	8
Prince William	1
Richmond City	1
Spotsylvania	1
Suffolk	1
Virginia Beach	4

### **Cause of Death (31 Children)**

#### **Physical Neglect (9 Children)**

Malnutrition	3
Drowning	2
Gunshot	1
Asphyxia	1
Hyperthermia	1
Abandonment	1

#### **Physical Abuse (22 Children)**

Battering	10
Shaking	5
Drowning	4
Asphyxia	2
Gunshot	1

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### **Child Demographic Data (31 Children)**

#### **Gender**

Male	17
Female	14

#### **Race**

Black	15
White	9
Bi-racial	5
Hispanic	2

#### **Age**

Birth – 12 months	15
1 year – 2 years	10
3 years – 4 years	2
5 years – 13 years	4

### **Abuser/Neglector Demographic Data (42 Abusers/Neglecters\*)**

#### **Gender**

Female	23
Male	19

#### **Race and Hispanic Ethnicity**

Black	21
White	13
Hispanic	3
Asian	1
Biracial	1
Unknown	3

#### **Relationship**

Biological mother*	16
Biological father	11
Paramour of mother	5
Stepmother	1
Grandmother	1
Aunt	1
Other relative	1
Babysitter	2
Institutional staff	4

\* One abuser was responsible for 3 deaths.